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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above referenced patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 34, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Figure 1 shows the cDNA (SEQ ID NO:1) and predicted amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) of the rat ovarian LH/CG-R. In the figure, chemically determined peptide sequences are indicated by bars atop corresponding sequences, with residues differing from those predicted indicated by white bars. Amino acid numbering begins at the N-terminal sequence found for the mature intact receptor (SEQ ID NO:3), with negative numbers for the encoded signal sequence. Putative extracellular N-linked glycosylation sites are marked by inverted triangles, and the proposed membrane-spanning hydrophobic sequences are enclosed in boxes. Overlined residues show location of similarity to soybean lectin (L.O. Vodkin et al., Cell 34:1023 (1983); D.J. Schnell et al., J. Biol. Chem.